

# Attributes of Sayyiduna Ismail

عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

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**Attributes of Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام**

**In this speech, you will learn about...**

- ❖ Introduction to Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.
- ❖ The harms of not guiding one's family.
- ❖ Punishment despite hating films (Parable).
- ❖ An entire household was reformed (Parable).



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## Attributes of Sayyidunā Isma'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى إِيكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ  
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى إِيكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُوْرَ اللَّهِ

### نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْاِعْتِكَافِ

**Translation:** I have made the intention of Sunnah *i'tikāf*.

## The Virtue of Reciting Ṣalāt Upon the Holy Prophet

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: كَثْرَةُ الذِّكْرِ وَالصَّلَاةُ عَلَيَّ تَنْفِي الْفَقْرَ—

The Final Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “Remembering Allah in abundance and reciting Ṣalāt upon me removes poverty.”<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْكَرِيمِ

(Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran):

وَأَذْكُرُ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا ﴿١٢٥﴾ وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ مَرْضِيًّا ﴿١٢٦﴾

<sup>1</sup> Al-Qaul-ul-Badi, Al-Baab-us-Saani fi Sawab-is-Salat ala Rasul-il-Allah, p. 135.

صَدَقَ اللهُ الْعَظِيمُ وَصَدَقَ رَسُولُهُ النَّبِيُّ الْكَرِيمُ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

And remember Ismā'īl in the Book. He was true to his word and a Messenger, a Prophet. And he would command his family to pray and give zakat (alms); and he was highly regarded by His Lord.<sup>1</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ! The sacred and blessed month of Dhū al-Hijjah is currently underway. May Allah Almighty, through His grace and mercy, accept our worship, spiritual efforts, and sacrifices performed in this month . May He bestow His special grace and mercy upon us all.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Introduction to Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is a beloved Prophet of Allah Almighty.

Our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is from his blessed lineage.

He has an elevated status.

He is the son of the friend of Allah (*Khalīlullāh*), Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.

He is the one in whose memory we perform qurbani.

The spring of Zamzam flowed from the impact of his feet.

He built the Holy Ka'bah with his father, Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.

Allah Almighty sent him as a Prophet to the tribe of *Jurhum* and the people of 'Amāliqah.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 54-55; translation from Kanz al-'Irfān

<sup>2</sup> Al-Raud-ul-Unuf, Zikr Isma'īl Alayhis-Salam, vol. 1, p. 42 Summary.

He was the first person to speak eloquent Arabic.<sup>1</sup>

Allah Almighty blessed him with 12 sons, and from them his lineage continued, through which the entire region of Arabia became populated. The Most Gracious, the Most Merciful Lord has mentioned him with praise at several places in the Holy Quran.

## Summary of Quranic Verses

In Part 16, Surah Maryam, two verses (verses 54 and 55) describe some of his attributes and excellences. Allah Almighty states:

وَاذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ

And remember Ismā‘il in the Book.<sup>2</sup>

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! This is the teaching of the Holy Quran! Sometimes people say that you only narrate stories of the Prophets and saints. To such people, it is said:

Mentioning them, reading about their character and conduct, and speaking about them is from the teachings of the Holy Quran. Read Surah Maryam and see how Allah states:

- “Remember Sayyidunā Idrīs عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in the Book.”
- “Remember Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in the Book.”
- “Remember Sayyidah Maryam رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا in the Book.”

Who is Sayyidah Maryam رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا? She is the mother of Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and a highly exalted saintly woman. This shows that mentioning the Prophets and Saints is also an act of worship. Mufti Aḥmad Yār Khān Na‘īmī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ writes:

The entire Quran is the *dhikr* (remembrance) of Allah. Read and see how it

<sup>1</sup> Fath-ul-Bari, Kitab-ul-Ahadith-il-Anbiya, vol. 6, p. 488, under Hadith: 3364.

<sup>2</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 54; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

contains the accounts of the Noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام and the Saints, the praise of the Noble Companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ, and the virtues of the Ahl al-Bayt. From this, we learn that mentioning the Prophets is the *dhikr* of Allah, mentioning the *Awliyā’* is the *dhikr* of Allah, and mentioning Noble Companions and the Ahl al-Bayt عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَان is also the *dhikr* of Allah.<sup>1</sup>

May Allah Almighty grant us the ability to perform this *dhikr* in abundance.

Allah Almighty said: “And remember Ismā‘īl in the Book.” After this, it was stated:

إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ

He was true to his word.<sup>2</sup>

This is a beautiful attribute of Sayyidunā Ismā‘īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام that he was true to his promises. Certainly, all the Noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام are truthful in their promises, but Sayyidunā Ismā‘īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام holds a distinguished rank in fulfilling promises. That is why Allah mentioned his special attribute and said:

إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ

He was true to his word.<sup>3</sup>

It is further stated:

وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا

and a Messenger, a Prophet.<sup>4</sup>

This is a mention of the glory and greatness of Sayyidunā Ismā‘īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. Allah Almighty sent him as a Prophet to the tribe of *Jurhum* and the people of

<sup>1</sup> Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 3, p. 304 Detailed.

<sup>2</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 54; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

<sup>3</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 54; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

<sup>4</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 54; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

‘*Amāliqah*. He called them towards the path of truth and towards pious deeds. Many people accepted his invitation, recited the *Kalimah*, and became deserving of Paradise.

Allah Almighty further states:

وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ

And he would command his family to pray and give zakat (alms).<sup>1</sup>

This is another beautiful trait of Sayyidunā Ismā‘il عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. He would not only invite his nation to pious deeds but also commanded his family members to perform Salah and give Zakat.

وَكَانَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ مَرْضِيًّا

and he was highly regarded by His Lord.<sup>2</sup>

This highlights his elevated status—that he holds a lofty rank in the court of Allah, and is His beloved servant.

May Allah have mercy upon us. We are not worthy of anything, but for the sake of Sayyidunā Ismā‘il عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, may He be pleased with us.

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صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

## Lessons from the Quranic Verse

Dear Islamic brothers! In these Quranic verses, two beautiful attributes of

<sup>1</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 55; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

<sup>2</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 55; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام are mentioned:

## (1) True to his promises

The first attribute is:

إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ

He was true to his word.<sup>1</sup>

This is a very distinguished quality. He was so truthful in fulfilling his promises that it is written in books that whenever Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام made a promise to someone, he would certainly fulfil it, no matter how difficult it was to do so.<sup>2</sup>

### Waiting for several days

Sayyidunā Sufyān Thawrī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ narrates:

Once, Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام passed near a town with one of his friends. His friend said, “O noble one! Either you go into the town and buy something, or remain here and I will bring whatever you require.” Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, “I will sit here; you go and do the shopping.” The man went into the town, did his shopping, and completely forgot that Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was waiting for him. He then left by another route. Several days passed after this incident.

One day, he happened to pass by that place again and saw that Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was still there. He asked in amazement, “Are you still here?” He replied, “I promised to wait for you; how could I leave until you returned?”

Similarly, on another occasion, he promised someone that he would meet them at a certain place. He arrived there at the appointed time, but the other

<sup>1</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 54; translation from Kanz al-'Irfān

<sup>2</sup> Tafsir Qurtubi, Part 16, Surah Maryam, under verse 54, Juz 7, vol. 6, p. 29.

person forgot. Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام continued waiting until the evening came, then the night passed, and the next day began.

After a full night passed, the person remembered and went there, and he saw Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام still waiting at that same spot. He asked in surprise, "Are you still here?" I forgot."

Now, behold the noble character of the Prophet! He did not show any anger, nor did he scold or speak ill of the person. Instead, he said with gentleness, "I would have remained here until you came."<sup>1</sup>

سَيِّدُنَا اللهُ! Dear Islamic brothers! This is the rank of Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the Prophet of Allah Almighty! It is in his memory that we perform qurbani, and every year thousands of animals are slaughtered in the name of Allah. This is indeed a good act; the sacrifice must be performed, and it is compulsory (*Wājib*) upon those whom it is due; otherwise, they will be sinful. However, along with this, we should also adopt the character of the one in whose memory we perform qurbani. He was true to his promises; whenever he made a promise, he fulfilled it.

Unfortunately, our situation has become the opposite. Fulfilling promises is part of our religion, yet people make promises and do not keep them. A person says: "I will meet you at such-and-such time," but does not show up. A debtor promises to repay at a certain time but does not repay the loan. If, for some reason, the arrangement could not be made, they do not even ask for more time; rather, they avoid the person altogether. In fact, matters have worsened to the point that people show arrogance toward those to whom they owe money. May Allah Almighty have mercy upon us. There are many examples of breaking promises; just observe Eid-ul-Adha. Butchers make promises but do not arrive on time, while those who intend to perform qurbani are left waiting. This is a bad practice.

## Breaking a promise is Forbidden

The Imam of Ahl al-Sunnah, Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states:

خُلْفُ الْوَعْدِ حَرَامٌ

<sup>1</sup> Tafsir Durr-e-Mansoor, Part 16, Surah Maryam, under verse 54, vol. 5, p. 516.

meaning that breaking a promise is forbidden.<sup>1</sup>

It is mentioned in a Hadith: <sup>2</sup>A Muslim who breaks a covenant and fails to fulfil promises incurs the curse of Allah, the angels, and all of humanity; neither his obligatory nor his voluntary acts will be accepted.<sup>3</sup> In another Hadith, it is stated: People will not be destroyed until they start breaking covenants among themselves.<sup>4</sup>

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ! We learn that breaking promises is one of the causes of destruction. May Allah Almighty protect us from this sin.

### What is meant by breaking a promise?

What is meant by breaking a promise? This is an important question because many people do not know this. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “Breaking a promise is not when a person makes a promise with the intention of fulfilling it but later is unable to. Rather, breaking a promise is when a person makes a promise and has the intention of not fulfilling it.”<sup>5</sup>

It is stated in a Hadith that when a person makes a promise to his brother with the intention of fulfilling it, and then he is unable to fulfil it or cannot arrive at the appointed time, there is no sin upon him.

This means that breaking a promise is linked to the intention. For example, if someone promises to meet another person at a certain time with the intention of meeting, but then cannot due to some reason, this is not considered breaking a promise. However, sometimes people say, "Yes, I will meet you at such-and-such time," just to avoid someone, while having no intention of meeting in their heart. This is breaking a promise.

<sup>1</sup> Fatawa Razawiyah, vol. 25, p. 69.

<sup>2</sup> Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Jizyah wal-Mu'ada'ah, Bab Ism man 'Aahada summa Ghadara, p. 815, Hadith 3179.

<sup>3</sup> Abu Dawood, Kitab-ul-Malahim, Bab Qiyam-as-Sa'ah, p. 682, Hadith 4348.

<sup>4</sup> Jami' al-Akhlaq al-Rawi, vol. 2, p. 60, Hadith 1179.

<sup>5</sup> Abu Dawood, Kitab-ul-Adab, Bab fil-'Idah, p. 781, Hadith 4995.

## An Unmatched Example of Fulfilling a Promise

Dear Islamic brothers! In our society, people make false promises over very small matters. There is a well-known incident from the pure life of Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. His respected father, Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, said, "O my son! I have seen in a dream that I am sacrificing you (for the sake of Allah)." His son replied with this promise:

يَا بَيْتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ سَتَجِدُنِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

O my father! Do what you have been commanded to do. If Allah wills, you shall soon find me to be among the patient.”<sup>1</sup>

This was such a difficult matter, yet Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was so firm in his promise. He himself requested Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to tie his hands, sharpen the knife, and tie a cloth over his eyes so that no emotion or fatherly love came in the way of fulfilling this promise.

Eventually, he offered his neck. Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام placed the knife on it, and at that very moment, Allah Almighty sent a ram from Paradise as a replacement.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! This is the fulfilment of a promise!

*Ye faizan-e-nazar tha ya maktab ki karamat thi*

*Sikhaye kis ne Ismail ko aadab-e-farzand<sup>2</sup>*

**Explanation:** Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام immediately saying "Labbaik" and bowing his head in obedience to the command of Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was certainly a blessing of Allah Almighty. He was a Prophet and Allah created him with pure character.

May Allah Almighty also grant us the ability to fulfil our promises.

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Saffat, verse 102; translation from Kanz al-'Irfān

<sup>2</sup> Kulliyat-e-Iqbal, Bal-e-Jibril, Safha: 353.

## (2) Inviting the family towards pious deeds

Dear Islamic brothers! The second attribute of Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is mentioned as:

وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ

And he would command his family to pray and give zakat (alms).<sup>1</sup>

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! This is also a beautiful attribute. Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام held a very high rank. He would invite his nation to righteousness, and along with this, he would command his family members to do good.

### The Harms of Not Guiding Family Members

Dear Islamic brothers! This is a very important responsibility. We must also pay attention to the reformation of our family members. Unfortunately, our society today is declining.

Young people in society are losing their way and becoming aimless.

Indecency is increasing day by day.

The youth wander around the streets causing disturbance.

Respect for elders is decreasing.

The desire to visit the masājīd is constantly decreasing.

Distance from religious knowledge is growing.

Muslims have forgotten the purpose of life and are only engaged in eating, drinking, and pursuing worldly pleasures.

People do not even know the basic beliefs of Islam.

They are unaware of the essential rulings required for a Muslim.

Young people have very little knowledge about purity and impurity.

Faith is weakening and all kinds of evils are rising in society. You are also aware

<sup>1</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Maryam, verse 55; translation from Kanz al-'Irfān

of this; just reflect!

Where do we start in stopping all of this? With our homes. If every mother, every father, every grandfather, every grandmother, every uncle, and every elder brother starts with reforming their children, nephews, nieces, grandsons, granddaughters, and family members in their own homes, then tell me, where will this indecency and immorality come from in society? The root problem begins here.

Firstly, the elders of the household are not practicing Muslims.

They do not perform Salah.

They do not encourage their children to pray.

They do not know how to recite the Quran correctly.

They lack religious knowledge and do not teach their children either.

Many years have passed, they are even married, but they still do not know the rulings regarding purity and impurity.

They do not have knowledge of Islamic beliefs, nor do they teach them to their children.

Then there are many individuals who are pious. They perform Salah, observe fasts, do pious deeds, and possess religious knowledge. However, they do not guide their family members towards this path. All of us present here in the masjid should reflect upon ourselves: how many of us have family at home, like sons, brothers, or nephews? We have come to the masjid, but did our brother, nephew, or son pray? We do not pay attention to this. Believe me! If those who regularly offer the five daily prayers in the masjid were to bring the men of their households along, the number of worshippers in our masājid would increase many times over.

In the blessed month of Ramadan, masājid become full, and there is a significant increase in the number of worshippers. Who are these people? They are from among us—someone's brother, someone's son, someone's nephew, someone's father, or someone's uncle starts coming to the masjid. If each

person continued bringing these family members to the masjid even after Ramadan, the vibrancy of the masājid would increase many times over.

But alas! We do not invite our family members towards righteousness. In fact, the situation has become worse. Sometimes, if a member of the household wants to become pious, the family members taunt him, speak harshly to him, and become obstacles in the path of righteousness.

There are many who, after listening to a speech or through someone's invitation to good, attend a Sunnah-inspired gathering of Dawat-e-Islami and develop a mindset to do good. They adorn their faces with a blessed beard, wear a turban, abandon worldly fashion, and make the intention to live their lives according to the Sunnah. However, their own family members try to turn them away from this righteous path. **الْأَمَانُ وَالْحَفِيفُ!**

## Guide Your Family!

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon us. Dear Islamic brothers! All of us have the responsibility to make ourselves and our family members tread the path of righteousness, to invite them to do good, and to strive to save them from Hell. Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا

you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from the Fire whose fuel is humans and stones.<sup>1</sup>

From this verse, we learn that just as it is necessary for a Muslim to reform himself, it is also mandatory for him to provide Islamic education and training to his family members. Therefore, every Muslim should teach Islamic rulings to his wife, children, and those under his care. He should continuously remind them of Islamic teachings and train them so that they remain safe from the fire of Hell too.

## You will be questioned about your family

Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh b. ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا reports that the Holy Prophet

<sup>1</sup> Al-Quran, Al- Tahrīm, verse 6; translation from Kanz al-‘Irfān

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

Each of you is a guardian, and every one of you will be questioned about those under your care. A ruler is a guardian and will be questioned about his subjects. A man is a guardian over his family, and he will be questioned about them.<sup>1</sup>

## Punishment despite hating films

Mufti Amin رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ wrote a thought provoking incident:

There were two friends in Arabia; one lived in Riyadh and the other lived in Jeddah. The friend in Riyadh passed away. After some time, the friend in Jeddah saw him in a dream, suffering punishment. When asked the reason, he said: "I hated films and dramas. However, my children were stubborn, so I arranged for sinful programs to be shown at home. Since I entered the grave, I am facing punishment because of them. Brother, have mercy on me! Advise my family not to watch sinful channels."

The friend from Jeddah went to Riyadh and told the dream to the family. أَخْبَدِلِيهِ They understood and repented from watching sinful programs. The following night, he saw his friend in a good state, smiling and saying: أَخْبَدِلِيهِ The punishment has been lifted from me.<sup>2</sup>

Dear Islamic brothers! Reflect upon this! The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ clearly stated that everyone will be questioned about their family. This incident also contains many lessons for those who take heed. We should adopt the character of Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the prophet in whose memory we perform qurbani. We should invite our families and children to righteousness, encourage them to avoid sins, and motivate them to perform good deeds.

## Deliver Dars at home!

May Allah Almighty shower countless blessings upon Dawat-e-Islami and grant

<sup>1</sup> Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Jumu'ah, Bab-ul-Jumu'ah fil Qura wal Mudun, p. 274, Hadith 893.

<sup>2</sup> Azab e Ilahi kay Muharrikat, pp. 15-17 Summary.

it success. In today's challenging times, this religious organisation has made things very easy for us. One excellent method it has taught us for creating a religious environment at home is to deliver a home dars. Make it a routine to deliver a seven minute dars at home every day.

This is not a difficult task. The Amīr of Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlānā Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has written many simple books, such as *Faizan-e-Sunnat*, *Call to Righteousness*, *Backbiting*, *Faizan-e-Namaz* and many other books and booklets that can be acquired from Maktabat-ul-Madinah, or downloaded from the website [www.dawateislami.net](http://www.dawateislami.net). Choose a time to gather your family, and read a few pages of these books and booklets to them daily. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ. You will witness the blessings yourself.

## The entire household was reformed

This is an incident from Maharashtra, India. An Islamic brother says:

There was an environment of sin in our home, and due to bad company, our beliefs had become corrupted. Then my 17-year-old younger brother joined the religious environment of Dawat-e-Islami, and he started avoiding sins. Sinful channels were played in our home, but he stopped watching them. I disliked his behaviour and stopped talking to him. However, my younger brother did not react. Instead, he gathered all the family members and made a routine of delivering a dars from *Faizan-e-Sunnat*. One day, I sat in the dars and liked what he said, so I started attending daily. Slowly, the darkness of my heart was removed. I also began to attend the weekly Sunnah-inspired gatherings of Dawat-e-Islami. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ! I came to my senses. I left the company of those with corrupt beliefs, grew a beard, and performed good deeds. Previously, sinful channels were played throughout our home, but اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ! That came to an end.

## How to create a religious environment at home

Dear Islamic brothers! You should also make an effort. Start giving dars at home. If you run Madani Channel at home along with this, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ, a religious

environment will be made. In addition:

- Make a habit of saying Salam loudly when entering or leaving the home.
- Respect your parents.
- Stand up to honour them.
- Kiss their hands and feet out of respect.
- Address everyone respectfully.
- Avoid being strict at home.
- Be kind with all family members.
- Pray for your family to become regular worshippers.
- Gently invite them towards good from time to time.
- **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** A religious environment will be created.

## Summary of the Speech

In summary, Sayyidunā Ismā'īl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was a Prophet of Allah in whose memory we perform qurbani, and he holds a lofty rank. Among his many noble qualities, two are:

1. He was truthful and firm in fulfilling his promises.
2. He would command his family to perform Salah and give Zakat.

As we perform qurbani in his memory, we should also adopt his character by fulfilling our promises and encouraging our children, wife, siblings etc. to pray, fast, and perform other good deeds.

May Allah Almighty grant us the ability to act upon this.

أَمِينُ بِجَاهِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## What is correct?

Bringing the sermon to a close, I will present a Shar'ī ruling.

(Clarifying the correct Islamic ruling and addressing a common misconception.)

**Ruling:** *Nafl* worship (voluntary acts) is not accepted without fulfilling the *Fard* (obligatory acts).

**Explanation:** It is observed that people often have a greater inclination towards *Nafl* prayers, which is a good thing. One should offer *Tahajjud*, *Ishrāq*, and *Chāsht*, but missed prayers (*Qaḍā*) must also be made up. May Allah grant us eagerness to do good. However, keep this ruling in mind: *c* acts are not accepted without fulfilling the obligatory ones.<sup>1</sup> Therefore:

Whoever has missed prayers should complete them as soon as possible.

Whoever has missed fasts should make them up.

Whoever owes zakat from previous years should prioritise paying zakat over giving voluntary charity.

إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ They will get more reward for this. May Allah grant us the ability to learn correct Islamic rulings and act upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Blessings of Asmā' al-Ḥusnā (Litany)

يَا غَفُورٌ (The Self-Sufficient One)

Whoever has pain in their spine, knees, joints, or anywhere in the body should recite the blessed name يَا غَفُورٌ continuously while walking, sitting, or standing.

إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ They will find relief.<sup>2</sup>

May Allah Almighty grant us the ability to act upon this.

أُوَيْبُنُ بَجَاةٍ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

<sup>1</sup> Kitab uz Zuhd li Ibn Mubarak, Bab Zikr رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ... etc, p. 273, Hadith 914.

<sup>2</sup> Madani Panj Surah, p. 258.